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U.S. DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT FILED FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION nct 3 | 2000 BERTHA A. HARRIS, CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT DANA A. CYPRET, BARRIE E. KIGER-NAGY, JO A. LAWRENCE, and LEE M. SHAFFER CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:99-CV-2038-M **Plaintiffs** V.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD AND SUPPORTING BRIEF

Bertha A. Harris ("Harris"), Barrie E. Kiger-Nagy ("Kiger-Nagy") and Lee M. Shaffer ("Shaffer") (collectively, the "Plaintiffs") respectfully submit their Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award and show the following:

- 1. On March 24, 2000 Plaintiffs and Defendant Parker College of Chiropractic ("Defendant") submitted a Joint Motion to Submit Case to Arbitration. Pursuant to the parties' motion, the case proceed to arbitration before arbitrator Kathy Fragnoli.
- 2. On October 1, 2000 Arbitrator Fragnoli issued her Award (the "Award"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Award is incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. The agreement of the parties, and the Joint Motion to Submit Case to Arbitration, provide that the claims should be arbitrated under the Texas Arbitration Act. A true and correct copy of the subject arbitration clause is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

PARKER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC,

Defendant.

4. Pursuant to the arbitration clause and the agreement of the parties, "[t]he Award of

the Arbitrator shall be binding on the parties hereto, although each party shall retain his right to

appeal any questions of law, and judgment may be entered thereon in any court having jurisdiction."

Plaintiffs move to confirm the Award pursuant to TEX. CIV. PRAC. REM. CODE

§ 171.087 which provides that: "[u]nless grounds are offered for vacating, modifying, or correcting

and Award under Section 171.088 or 171.091, the Court, on application of a party, shall confirm the

Award." Plaintiffs state that there are no bases for vacating, modifying or correcting the Award

under Civil Practices and Remedies Code §§ 171.088 or 171.091.

6. Plaintiffs ask this Court to enter judgment on the Award in accordance with TEX. CIV.

PRAC. & REM. CODE § 171.092(a) and in accordance with the stipulation of the parties, attached as

Exhibit "C."

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7. Plaintiffs further request that the Court permit the arbitrator to award costs of the

application and proceeding subsequent to this motion to confirm as well as disbursements in

accordance with TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE § 171.092(b).

8. Plaintiffs tender the proposed form of judgment, attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that this Court enter judgment confirming the Award and

entering and awarding recovery to Plaintiffs in the amounts to the extent set forth above and in

accordance with the stipulation of the parties concerning attorney's fees, costs of the motion to

confirm and proceedings subsequent to this application for confirmation, disbursements, and such

other and further relief to which they may be justly entitled.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

On October 20, 2000 the undersigned conferred with Mike Maslanka, counsel for Parker College, concerning this motion. Agreement could not be reached and Mr. Maslanka stated that he is opposed to the motion. It is therefore presented to the court for determination.

Steven J. Lownds

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing was served via certified mail, return receipt requested on the 31st day of October, 2000, by upon the following counsel of record:

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